

We claim:

1. An escalator comprising a truss, a step-band with steps for the  
5 transportation of persons and/or objects, a balustrade on each side of the step-  
band held by a balustrade base, a handrail mounted on at least one of the  
balustrades, and a handrail-drive driving the handrail, characterized in that the  
handrail-drive drive includes drive means for engaging and driving the handrail  
on an outside of the handrail.  
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2. The escalator according to claim 1, further characterized in that the  
handrail-drive comprises a drive-wheel for driving the handrail by frictional  
engagement with the handrail outside, and at least one press-on roller arranged  
on an inside of the handrail for pressing the handrail against the drive-wheel.  
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3. The escalator according to claim 2, further characterized in that the  
drive-wheel has a drive-wheel tire for driving the handrail by frictional  
engagement with the handrail outside.
- 20 4. The escalator according to claim 2, further characterized in that the  
drive-wheel tire is arranged on a wheel-rim which is connected to a driving axle.
5. The escalator according to claim 3 or 4, further characterized in that  
the drive-wheel includes means for driving the drive wheel by one of a group  
25 consisting of a motor, a step chain-wheel, and a step chain-wheel drive.
6. The escalator according to claim 2, 3 or 4, further characterized in  
that the press-on rollers are arranged on a rocker, a pressing force of the press-  
on rollers being adjustable by a setting of the rocker.  
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